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FROM: 1200 4 January 1945
TO : 1159 5 January 1945

CP: BRUMATH

TIME	FROM	TO	MESSAGE AND INCIDENTS
1215			Col CAUM reconnoitered positions with CO 314th Inf.
1500			Bns commenced occupation of positions.
1500			Trucks spotted in 2nd Bn billeting area.
1530			2nd Bn crossed IP.
1545			2nd Bn cleared IP.
1800			CP opened NEIDERBETSCHDORF.
2000			Company "C" closed BRUMATH.
2230			2nd Bn closed BRUMATH.

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CP: NEIDERBETSCHDORF

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1200	G-3 TFL	CO 2nd Bn	Map STRASBOURG 1/100,000. 1. Enemy has made crossing near GAMBESHEIM (1409) 232d is attacking. 2. Move your Bn to BIETLENHEIM (0313), attack to East with its right along BRUMATH-WEYERSHEIM road, then attack to secure GAMBESHEIM. Having secured GAMBESHEIM, be prepared to attack to North in direction of OFFENDORF and HERRLISHEIM. 232d moving on WEYERSHEIM. CG TFL orders may supersede this. CAUM.
1335			311th FA Bn has been alerted to move. If they move, on Btry of 310th, 634th FA Bn will support 242d and send Ln O.
1430	S-1	S-3	Am stranded in BRUMATH. 2nd Bn moving out, Sv Co moving out. No transportation, will stand by for callat BISON phone. BLANCHARD.

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1450	3rd Bn	S-3	Everybody can be moved from 2nd Bn in one truck. Capt CARINGOLA will supply the truck.
1450	S-3	Capt DARLING	Take all ammo and drop organizational equipment. Move as quickly as possible.
1500			79th Inf Div units left vicinity NEIDERBETSCHDORF.
1500	Lt WYNN	CP	Reported with following information: G-2 or G-3 can be contacted at BISHOP. Reported two Inf Bns and three tanks vicinity of ROHRWILLER, one Company from 232d Inf surrounded at HERRLISHEIM.
1530	3rd Bn	S-3	Capt DARLING left with troops at 1520. Left only a little organizational equipment. 3rd Bn has contact with unit on right (Company C 232d). Can you find out how much is on our right. Advise I & R plt is coming down to your sector (198342) Someone should be there, picking up numerous civilians coming through line. Contact made 200 yards from right position with Company C coor. (2029) where stream crossed road, on limiting point. CO has directed that bridge in back of your position will not be blown yet. Advised CO of 232d surrounded at HERRLISHEIM (130145). It is reported that two Bns are supported by three tanks near ROHRWILLER. (120175).
1531	Engr O	S-3	Requested him to supply overlay of mine fields, demolitions, etc., in our sector.
1550			Col MEADE, ELLIS, REYNOLDS going East at 1545. Enemy has one Company at ROHRWILLER. Unverified tank support. Advised we have made contact on right limiting point.
1555	Col CAUM	3rd Bn	Time of contact with Company C 232d? 1500. L Company reports concentration of fire 900 yds South East Az 200 at 1535. Company L has only one IMG on right. CO will contact S-3 with details.
1608	Col CAUM	Capt WATSON	Watch your right flank tonight. Send out patrols and watch for enemy activity.
1640	Col FRICKE	Col CAUM	2nd Bn unloaded (minus E & H Cos) at WEIRSHHEIM at 1500. E & H Companies passed through BRUMATH at 1630.

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1642	CO 3rd Bn	S-3	Lost contact with C Company 232d, would like information as to whether or not they have pulled out. S-3 suggested direct contact with C Company 232d. We will try to get additional information from 232d Hq direct.
1648	S-3	3rd Bn	Did S-2 work out plans for patrols on right and in front? Patrols will operate on right flank none planned on front. Two patrols will screen to the river and two miles south.
1650	S-3	Capt BURNS	What are plans for patrols tonight? Plan only to have patrols contact outposts.
1655	S-3	3rd Bn	Requested new overlay showing flag locations, fire plan and boundaries. At DUSSENHEIM a platoon of 232d had a fire fight, killed some Germans and took some prisoners (Fortress troops, old and infirmed).
1730	3rd Bn	S-3	Reported that at 1610 a Sgt of Company C, 232d reported his Company was pulling out to go in reserve.
1735			Col BRICKE arrived at CP. Reported that 232d is not pulling out according to Div Hq.
1735			Col FRICKE reported 2nd Bn has closed on objective (GAMBSHEIM) and awaits orders.
1740	S-3	3rd Bn	Bn on your right is not planning to withdraw. If C Company withdraws, they will be relieved. Will call back later.
1830	CG TEL	S-3	Col CAUM directed to assume command of 232d Infantry 1st Bn.
1835	Msg to CO 1st Bn 232d Inf.		Div CO has directed me as of 1830 to assume command of your unit. Send overlay of your present positions, orders and plans. Send Ln O to my CP. Have you any artillery support. CAUM.
1840	Msg to CO 2nd Bn, 242d Inf.		Ex O is directed to assist you in any way you desire. Contact me by radio and keep me informed. You have the honor to be the first unit of the 242d Infantry to be committed. Good Luck

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FROM TO MESSAGE AND INCIDENTS

1925	3rd Bn	S-3	Requested current information. Advised Col CAUM; ordered by CG to assume command of 232d 1st Bn. You will not send patrols out until instructed. Will keep you advised of situation.
2005	1st Bn	S-3	Az 3600, 500 yds from CP #3, sighted a yellow flare.
2014	S-3	G-3	Do you have any new information on our 2nd Bn. They are at 095095. plans for future moves not completed.
2147	Col CAUM	CO 1st Bn 232d	This is Col CAUM, have you received Msg from Capt MATTHEWS my Courier? CG has placed you under my command. Messenger on way to your command Post. He left here at 1900. My right flank was in contact with your left Company G at 1500 at my right limiting point. Do you know who I am. This is simply a tactical readjustment of command, one of my units is down south under CO 232d. I will try to keep in contact. Have you any activity in your sector? Are you having any difficulty anywhere. I am trying to run a direct line to you. That is all.
2210	Col CAUM	CG	I got through to my Duckling by phone. He states no activity or difficulty in his sector at present time.
2220	S-3	Msg Gen	Msg to Major HULL. Earmark 200 rds HE light 81mm for 232d. This ammo will be delivered as per CO order. Tell me what this does to your ammo status. Where will this ammo come from.
2250	S-3	232d CO	Telephone contact with 232d. Capt MATTHEWS arrived at 2000 and is being given complete information. Will attempt to establish radio contact with 232d 1st Bn and 242d CP. Company G 232d which had been adhered to Bn reserve, is back in original position. Report of phone conversation with 232d 1st Bn CO. Company G which had been ordered out of line to Bn reserve has gone back into the line.
2310	Col CAUM	CG	
2359	3rd Bn	S-3	Reported K Company seeing two white flares on left boundary 500 yds North of CP at 2305 and 2357.
9935	CO	S-3	NIEDERRIEDERN is the key spot in our front. The enemy could easily assemble a large force without observation from our front. Its road net gives it a high strategic value. Arrange to have a strong combat patrol scout NIEDERRIEDERN to determine whether or not it is occupied.

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0200	1st Bn	S-3	Reported MG and rifle fire Az 350° from Pill box #9 long range. Alert officer out checking tripped flare. Officer reports allOK.
0330	Col ERICKE	Capt HOLD-BROOK	232d 1st Bn out of contact with C & B, have information that there is infiltration about Baker platoon also 1 1/2 mile of wire out between Company C and 232d 1st Bn Cp.
0345	Col CAUM	79th G-3	Situation concerning 232d C & F Companies explained. Ans: Chief of Staff wants more information, actually no Germans seen and B Company not attacked, will probably find out more by patrols of Company C. Let me know any additional information. Awaiting attack will receive help. Two tracked vehicles seen near REICHTFELT coord. 1644.
0404	232d 1st Bn CO	CO	Have you any help for Me? What time and when? REPLY: I have notified Div and the Chief of Staff knows situation, action will be taken, dig in and hold.
0710	3rd Bn	S-3	Company C 232d pulling out. Company L Co setting up security to protect flank, does not know anything about Baker platoon.
0720	3rd Bn	S-3	Reported correction on message at 0710: one section of MGs are pulling out. Company L is in contact with 232 Company C by patrol, report is still no activity.
0904	S-3	Ex 0	Situation Baker platoon surrounded but is being relieved by armor from Div. Companies G and A unchanged. Estimated that two Companies of Infantry are surrounding Company A. Have lots of artillery support. Picture is much better this morning.
1005	Arty LO	S-3	Reports that 313th Inf ran into twelve man patrol, captured three PWs. One PW reports that a 60 man patrol is moving coming South from TRIMBACH to BUHL.
1010	313th Inf	S-3	Reported road STUNDWILLER to BUHL has been mined.
1012	S-2	1st Bn	Contact I & " platoon and give above information to them.

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1015	3rd Bn CO	S-3	Asked permission to blow road block grid Square 1932. Block line been tampered with. Permission granted.
1015	3rd Bn	S-3	Report from Company L: A civilian said enemy is in RUNTZENHEIM 1925, running civilians out of town.
1100	G-4 79th	S-3	Have we any of 79th Div vehicles? We Have none.
1130	Col CAUM	1st Bn EX O 232d	Have we any information regarding enemy in RUNTZENHEIM? No. Ren units and tanks are moving on SESSENHEIM to relieve platoon of Company B. Company C actively patrolling. Company A, no change. 314th Inf has taken ROHRWILLER and are moving into DUISSENHEIM to coordinate with Company A 232d, both will move South to HEPLISHEIM.

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CP: BRUCK, Austria

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1212			Radio contact made with 2nd Bn at 1201.
1217	S-3	2nd Bn 313th Inf	Have you made contact with enemy? No information, will call back.
1218	2nd Bn 313th Inf	S-3	Have contacted a five man enemy patrol at STUNT- WILLER, and have taken them under fire.
1240	1st Bn 232d	S-3	Reports Company A hold, all quiet. Three casualties in Company B. One platoon has 50% casualties. STATMETTER Captured, 30 to 40 German EM killed. Three officers captured. Company C all right, no casualties. A light active German patrol re- treated under mortar fire. One tank lost and six casualties at STATMETTER are now holding this town with fifty EM. Parts of Company B and Hq Co and four tanks on four fronts.
1245	Ex 0	G-3	Above information reported.
1300	S-4	S-3	Request information regarding AT ammo. White AT has priority. Earmark 200 rds 81mm lt for 232d. Will come from 1st Bn.

Notes from Capt MATTHEWS In 0 with 1st Bn 232d. Company A in contact
all day with company of German infantry, 9 prisoners
taken. Enemy suffered twenty casualties and thirty
probables. B Company position at STATMETTER is
weak, it has one rifle platoon and one weapons
platoon there. At present (2400), no reserve with
scarcely enough men for CP security. 6 Jan 314th
Inf left BUSHWILLER to attack ROHRWILLER, and to
continue attack from there. 232d Inf (-) to con-
tinue attack North vicinity WANTEENAU in conjunc-
tion with 314th Inf. BISHWILLER at present is strong.
Strength of 1st Bn 232d, 671 men.

1315	S-4	S-3	Have sent for 400 rds, for 2nd Bn. Will come to CP shortly.
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1320 Capt STROM S-3 Contact can be made by radio with 2nd Bn by relay.

1410 Lt BRADLEY reported to CP: Gave information regarding jump-off of Company F this morning and encounter with tanks that drove Company F back due to lack of AT protection. Reports quite a few casualties in Company F. Requests Bazooka ammunition.

1415 Com O S-3 Reported radio contact with all three Bns.

1445 G-2 S-2 One Bn Gndr, two Officers and forty EM captured by 1st Bn 232d Inf.

1500 CO 69th FA (A) reported to CP, will support us when relieved, contacted arty Ln 0 for information.

1502 1st Bn S-3 Patrol reports that they are in sight of NEIDEROEDERN.

1553 Col CAUM and Capt CUNNINGHAM left CP for 1st Bn CP.

1705 1st Bn S-3 At edge of NEIDEROEDERN. They will go into the town tonight. Bicycle patrols are coming into town and they will try to get them. Has arty been contacted not to fire in area? Yes.

1710 Ln 0 Company G, 813th TD Bn. Unit reported that 314th Inf (41 Bn) had cleaned out DEUSENHEIM at 1600 with assistance of one Company of tanks, one Bn was in DEUSENHEIM and one in ROHRWILLER. They were planning to continue attack South.

1740 Col CAUM and Capt CUNNINGHAM returned to CP, had visited 1st Bn and 3rd Bn along front to right flank.

1825 Msg from Gen WEISH to CO TEL "Your mission is to take best possible positions to prevent further westward movement of enemy. Be prepared to assist with all possible fire in any friendly attack on GAMBSHEIM. Right OPLR Company of 222d (A Co) extending from 145428 to 160415 is being driven in by Infantry and tanks at 1750. They were in fire fight trying to break contact but unable to do so at that time. This attack is aimed at HAGENAU with mission of joining BITCHE forces. It is supported by sixty batteries of FA ranging from 105s to 220s. Our 2nd Bn is along canal on road from MEYERSHEIM to GAMBSHEIM. Presumably will stay there.

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1830	Col CAUM	3rd Bn-	Msg "Enemy pressure along line held by 222d on left. Alert unit for possible attack.
1838	Col CAUM	1st Bn 222d	"Information indicates General enemy pressure all along line. Enemy has attacked positions to North of us.
2039	S-3	314th Engr	Has bridge at 225340 West of NEIDEROEDERN been prepared for blowing. Engrs report there is no bridge there. Our patrol reported an old bridge at this location intact today. How about the bridge on road North to HATTEN. Its a rickety bridge of no importance.
2040			Company A 222d Inf was forced to withdraw by armor and infantry to their MLR at 1745 143404, at area 300 yds East of that coord, heavy artillery fire. Identity of three Companies, ren, 21st Panzer has been verified. This Bn likes to work at night and may try our area. #3 Company has not been attached to the rest of its unit for some-time.
2050	S-3	222d Inf	Tell me the situation on the 1st Bn. Enemy activity on right front. Infantry in half-tracks drove back OPLR about noon. One Bn attached and restored line but were driven out about 1750. OPLR stands on left but OPLR and MLR is the same. 21st Panzer Recon Bn is attacking unit. Pressure is not as great on left as on right. Two platoons are being sent out on right flank as patrol.
2100	S-3	313th Inf	Relayed information in message above.
2115	3rd Bn	S-3	Saw two white flares 200 yards to front. Be sure your Bazookas are displaced to do you most good, protection against half tracks, etc.
2200	Col FRICKE	S-3	How is Company A situation. That is cleaned up. Your mission is to coordinate with other unit and protect their flank at bridge.
2300	Col FRICKE	1st Bn 232d	Cautioned 1st Bn 232d to coordinate 314th Inf Bn in the town to take up their position at daylight in order to protect men on left flank when they move forward on their mission.

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0130 Lt WYNN arrived at
CP with msg from Div

COA 14th Armored Div attached to 79th Div runs to assembly area vicinity SOULFTZ and SURBOURG. 3rd Bn Algerian Inf Div (Fr) attacks early 7 Jan through elms TEL North to capture GAMBESHEIM (098062) (085080). TEL from present position will prevent further westward movement by enemy. 232d Inf attached 2nd Bn 242d Inf, Company A 781st Tk Bn, Tr D 94th Cav will arrest fire the attack of the 3rd Algerian Inf Div until they are passed through or their fire is masked. It will remain in position and await orders.

0130 Msg signed 2350
from G-4

*An organized program for battlefield recovery of abandoned equipment will be initiated without delay and will be vigorously and continuously pursued.

0244 1st Bn 232d CO

Our CP is at 049133.

0735 Col TILLSON S-3

Called at 0500, unit on our left reported motor movement vicinity OBERBACH (1841) at 0600 enemy attack began. Company I attacking ASCHBACH (1837). One Company STUNDWILLER at (1736). One Company vicinity of (1739). Only infantry troops reported.

0905 1st Bn S-3

OP #9 reports three tanks and one truck unidentified entered BUHL.

0920

Capt CUNNINGHAM left CP for 2nd Bn.

0930 Msg G-3 Col CAUM

Information of our left flank. Three Companies attacking there with ten trucks, which have broken through mine fields. Situation to South quister. Attempt will be made to return 2nd Bn to our control and clean up.

0945 1st Bn S-3

Hear friendly rifle and MG fire of unit on our left. No report from patrol at NEIDERROEDERN. No information on tanks at BUHL.

0950

Fighter BAKER requested that all enemy information be sent to them directly.

0950 Col CAUM 1st Bn
GO B

Estimated ten tanks in front of 313th Inf on our left. 1st Bn reports firing on left. Plenty of bazooka ammo on positions.

1015 1st Bn EX O

Company A GO reports 500 yards visibility. Sees no activity to left. Little firing. Instruct GO 1st Bn to be particularly alert to left for any movement of armor. AT GO will move to your rear.

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1025 EX 0 3rd Bn CO All quiet on 3rd Bn front. Ex 0 advised of situation on left.

1030 EX 0 232d EX 0 Friendly forces hold ROHRWILLER. Ren outfit reports no enemy activity southwest to DANDOLSHHEIM. Other ren outfits working South to Fort LOURS.

1045 In 0 reports to CP. Warned that 79th Div expects attack today. Reports 100 enemy at 105130, three 75s at 108112. Three 75s at 117098. Btry of 105s at 127105. 1,000 enemy in bridgehead area. Three Companies at GAMBESHEIM. Motor boats used to cross at 130095. French will attack at 1200 East of GAMBESHEIM and then East and North to pocket enemy.

1050 1st Bn EX 0 Report from Company A CO: S/Sgt Lewis of Company I, 313th Inf now at our OP #9 with sixteen (16) EM withdrew from town to North East. In the town is one TD and four small tanks, enemy, with some foot troops. Enemy tanks are maneuvering to make stream crossing to West. Crossing has not been confirmed. Company I has pulled out of position at STUNDWILLER. Request Company I be notified. Company A reports people moving on skyline at long range.

1110 Col CAUM 3rd Bn Engineer group has not been able to locate your CP. Advised new OP at 176301, where stream crosses road.

1115 1st Bn EX 0
 222d Inf We report no action. They report that except for one Company of 314th our strength area DUESSENHEIM, North of bridge. Company A facing NE edge of town. Three of our tanks knocked out about 1000 yds South of DUESSENHEIM. Spms used unknown (88s). Two Companies 314th Inf facing SW edge of DUESSENHEIM. Company B all quiet. Company C quiet except for twelve prisoners picked up in area of AUBENHEIM. Bn in ROHRWILLER will endeavor to clear out woods East of ROHRWILLER.

1200 In 0 reconnoitered with the 313th and 242d 1st Bn. Use motor officer at night.

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1245	1st Bn	Ex O	Plat of A Co made contact with L Co of 313th Inf on left. German attack was directed at K Co 313th who are in left of L Co. Was not strong. No ground lost, all quiet.
1245	1st Bn	Ex O	Captured two German prisoners. Sending them back.
1250	CO	3rd Bn	Earmark K Co as reserve Co. Do not commit without authority of this Hq.
1305	1st Bn	S-3	Artillery shelling town Az 20 - 2000 yds from CP. Checked in by Biscuit White Bn. Co C reports two men (unidentified) sighted 800 yds East OP #2 going South East direction. Prisoners being processed. Arty Air OP at 174379 reports 12 tanks in that vicinity, taken under fire, no observed results. Do Co starting to register.
1315	Co AT CO	S-3	Delivered two overlays as of 1045 showing AT and TD dispositions.
1355			Reconnaissance patrol will reconnoiter area as requested by S-2.
1430	Capt DeREUS	S-3	What can we do about extra equipment? Suggests packs be returned to train with extra equipment and men only carry sleeping bag or bed roll, plus necessary changes of clothing which will be carried in Ammo bags. Will direct.
1435	Col CAUM Capt DeREUS		CG 79th Div says not to let quiet front fool you. The enemy will probably take a crack at you. CG directs very vigorous patrolling against infiltration. Stay in the alert.
1440	Capt JOINER	S-3	309th Eng are available, call Bishop to Bible White.
1445	Col CAUM CO	1st Bn	Same msg as given to Capt DeREUS. Attention has been called to training fire in Co A. Get those fires out.
1450	S-3	Capt DeREUS	OK to carry out plan on extra equipment. 1st Bn reserve Co is under Regimental control, how many vehicles will it take to motorize them? Capt DeREUS suggests six vehicles. Asks permission to use Reserve Co to prepare defensive positions on right flank? YES.
1600			3rd Bn line out as of 1535, Repair crew out.
1610	Ex O	1st Bn	Hold shake-down so that men carry only two blankets and combat packs.

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1630	S-3	AT CO	Report to CP to talk to Engineer Officer now here.
1650			3rd Bn line restored.
1655			I & R Platoon Ldr report to CP. See S-2 for complete report.
1655			Ln O requested Arty to harass area reported by I & R Platoon as suspicious.
1725	S-3	Sgt Coss	2nd Bn has scarcity of phones and wire. We have some in now. Please help them. 2nd Bn also lost Swb.
1735	Msg Cen	S-3	Both 1st and 3rd Bn are back in comm now.
1800			Report by Lt TABB: 1st Bn 232d - A Co controlled by 314th and two companies of 314th in DRUESENHEIM, covering North approach of DRUESENHEIM with Bn AT wpns organizing AT defense of SIESENHEIM with attachment with attachment of AT Co. B Co quiet. C Co quiet. Little enemy activity in DRUESENHEIM. Enemy having been heavily shell d in West sector of town is now receiving harassing fire. 314th has one Co holding a small bridge head South of DRUESENHEIM. Rcn troops 79th covering RUSSENHEIM, ROESCHWALD and FT LOUIS, STATENMETTE, SESENHEIM, SCHINGFEN.
1830	S-3	1st Bn	Were boundaries readjusted in accordance with directive 6 Jan 45? Ans. YES, overlay will follow showing details.
2000	S-3	^{313th} Bingle 3rd Bn	Report front quiet, but expect something tonight. Close attention should be paid to our boundaries
2035	313th	S-3	Reports motor traffic from STUTTWILLER to BUHL. Arty will hit it.
2045			Ln O reports 18 rds being put in road STUTTWILLER BUHL.
2105	Capt THOMAS Col CAUM		Regarding A Co. Lt WYNN coming here with information. Asst G-3 to S-3 French relieved 232d 19015 Unit F return tomorrow.
2135	1st Bn	S-3	D Co unidentified planes circling overhead. # 3 patrol has not returned. Last contact 2050. Lt RIGGIN in charge.
2143	S-3	1st Bn	Regarding patrol, left 1455. Orders: Follow patrol 1 and 2 until dark. About 3000 meters out. BiCo sighted planes overhead. Patrol has returned
2152	S-3	Capt STROM	Use kitchen truck for billets. Security Platoon for guides.
2155	S-3	S-4	Have Hq Co kitchen truck empty, report to CP at 0900.

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2200	G-3	S-3	Going to deliver 2nd Bn about 1000, Where do you want them? Want you to send guides to Div CP before 1000 about 0900, Should be here at 1200.
2322	L Co	S-3	Reports white flare 1000 yds left front, from #1 OP, 25 Az.
0110	3rd Bn	S-3	I Co reports yellow flare 2-5 mils left.
0200	3rd Bn	S-3	All clear.
0235	1st Bn	S-2	OP #2 reports eight white flares 80 Az at range of 500 yds.
0300	3rd Bn	S-3	M Co and I Co still reporting flare activities in front of forward position.
0410	3rd Bn	S-3	M Co reports moving vehicles in their vicinity. Heavy MG fire from 232d.
0505	3 rd Bn	S-3	Flares going up every five minutes, color and distance hard to determine.
0525	1st Bn	S-3	Patrol returned, three EM hit. Enemy dressed in white capes landed behind #9. A Co has sent two strong patrols out.
0600	313th Inf	S-3	Twenty tanks reported N LP. 222d-313th report sixty more N vicinity WISSEMBOURG Bingo Blue 3 - contacted two enemy patrols on our right took one dead German.
0710	S-3 79th Bishop-3	S-3	Germans trying to infiltrate our left flank Gen says to send someone there to see what is going on. 1st Bn is fighting them.
0715	S-3	1st Bn	What is the situation? Drove them back, holding, result there were six wounded. Took one dead German.
0840	313th Inf	S-3	Seven trucks and a few companies of Inf. coming toward left flank of 313th.
0845	S-3	3rd Bn	Unidentified patrol moving down draw via 162352.
0850	S-3	3rd Bn	Have K Co prepared to move to RITTERHOFFEN Regiment will spot trucks.
	Msg 07 1952 to CO CJ, TFL		CCR Rpt CCB 12 Armd Div atks rpt attacks 8 Jan from North Direction. HERRLISHEIM-OFFENDORF, 314th inf attacks East UO River. 3 RTA renews attack on GAMESHEIM.
0850			Hq Commandant reported to CP. Have billets for 600 men prepared NEIDERBETSCHDORF for 2nd Bn.
0900	S-1	Ex O	Kitchen and Hq can be billeted RITTERSHOFFEN OK. About 60% of men can be placed in small groups in houses.
0945	S-3	1st Bn	Be alerted for any attack from North, mine

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TIME	FROM	TO	MESSAGE AND INCIDENTS
1000	Ex O	CO	Reported in from RITTERSHOFFEN.
1010	CO	1st Bn	On our left new M-18 tanks moved in last night. Alert men about characteristics. Situation is quiet in Bn area. Have good observation. Four M-18 will be held mobile. in RITTERSHOFFEN.
1015	O I # 8		1st Bn, 232d Inf relieved from attachment. 2nd Bn 242d Inf relieved from attachment. Mv Elms 242d relieved from Pos E WEYERSHEIM to NEIDERBETSCHDORF.
1025	S-3 1st Bn Ex O, 242d		Gen COLLINS is due in today. Get the balls on the ball.
1025	3rd Bn	S-3	Report from 1st Bn, there are M-18 tanks lurking in our area. they are friendly, silhouette looks like enemy armor. Working area of Bingo.
1050	S-3	1st Bn	How are things? Things are quiet observe fourteen PWs coming in. Made contact with Bingo Blue patrol. Picked up PW in pillbox, questioning him.
1050			Visted by AC of S TF Wall.
1100	S-3	Lt EDDY	Are you in close contact with Fighter-Baker? We are.
1115	Surg	Col CAUM	regimental Status: Admitted to Infirmary 40 Discharged to Dy 32 Remaining 8 casualties evacuated 2nd Bn 46 " " 1st Bn 5 Evacuating without difficulty, state of medical supplies good. LEEBRON.
1130	Msg Cen	S-3	Have connection with Fighter-Baker at 1st Bn CP.
1155	3rd Bn	S-3	All clear.